

**TOWN OF GROTON
SELECT BOARD MEETING
September 18, 2012**

In Attendance: Christina Goodwin, Kyle Andrews, Miles Sinclair, Pamela Hamel (Administrative Assistant)

Audience Members Present

Christina called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

MINUTE APPROVAL

Kyle motioned to approve the minutes of September 4 as written, Miles 2nd, so voted.

APPOINTMENTS

Marilyn Lieto addressed the Board and the audience. She is running for House Representative in District 6, and promised to be in Concord representing her constituents. She stated that while visiting residents of the district she noted that 1 in 3 people do not know what they need to do to vote, specifically in regards to the need for an ID. Her request for permission to campaign at the Transfer Station was granted by the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

Map 10 Lot 32 Acknowledgement

Christina motioned to sign the acknowledgement, Miles 2nd, so voted. After research the Board agreed that the 6 acre lot in question belongs to the M. Daniel Smith Revocable Trust and not the Town.

Solar Light

Miles agreed to install the new light on the flag pole at the park.

Perambulation

Kyle stated that after he and Alan Barnard looked at the survey work done for the last Groton/Plymouth perambulation Mr. Barnard informed him that the coordinates system used was not a longitude and latitude system and cannot be put into the GPS as is. Lou Lieto looked at the system and offered to try to transfer the coordinates. If he is not able to do this the Board will postpone the trip. Pam will contact the original surveyor to ask if he can be of any assistance with this.

River Road Cemetery Expansion

Alan Barnard made the necessary changes to the River Road Cemetery expansion plans to allow Patti Bailey to retain 10 full acres. As these changes are in addition to the originally requested work he asked for a PDF copy of the town tax maps and list of corresponding property owners in lieu of payment. The Board agreed.

New Hampshire Department of Historical Resources (NHDHR)

Pam gave an update on the “Request for Project Review” workshop. The Board asked her to move forward with the application for project review.

2011 MS-60

The Board noticed that some sections of the MS-60 form were not filled in. Even if some of the questions are not applicable the Board would like the auditor to respond. Pam will contact Bill Jolly.

Groton Wind Letter of Credit Form

Groton Wind has issued the required letter of credit, and has asked the Board to formally release Iberdrola from the parent guarantee that was issued. The Board will forward the letter of credit and the Company’s request to the Town’s Attorney for comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Special Town Meeting

The Board will hold a special town meeting on Saturday, October 27 at 10:00am to discuss and vote upon a land exchange with Green Acre Woodlands. The exchange is for the Town owned 50 acre woodlot off Old Rumney Road (a class VI road) for 6 acres across from the Transfer Station including road frontage and the Town Pound. Green Acre Woodlands would be responsible for a survey of the lot as well. This location is for the proposed relocation of the Town garage.

FairPoint

FairPoint has filed an appeal in superior court regarding their tax assessment in the Town of Groton as well as in other municipalities in the state. Prior to 2011 they were exempt from taxation. Avitar will defend the values but the Town must contact the Town’s attorney to file the paperwork. They will ask the attorney if there is any basis to counter sue for legal fees. In addition, they will point out that the paperwork states FairPoint was denied an abatement but this is not the case. After they submitted additional information to Avitar the value was adjusted and FairPoint was granted an abatement.

Pressure Toilets

The toilets at the Town House are equipped with the Flushmate III system. This system has been recalled due to safety reasons (they can explode). Miles volunteered to install the Company supplied repair kit.

Timber Tax Warrants

Christina motioned to sign the Timber Tax Warrant for Green Acre Woodlands, Kyle 2nd, so voted. Christina motioned to sign the Timber Tax Warrant for the Smith property, Miles 2nd, so voted. Christina motioned to sign the Timber Tax Warrant for Yankee Forest, Kyle 2nd, so voted.

Groton Wind Interview

Iberdrola is developing a video clip of the Wind Farm Project. They would like to interview Miles and potentially the other Board members next week. Kyle and Christina agreed to have Miles do the interview as well as speak with a reporter from the Concord Monitor.

Septic Design for Aprea

Miles motioned to sign the septic design for Aprea on Rogers Road, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Building Permit for Chapman

Kyle motioned to sign the building permit for Chapman, Map 1 Lot 16, Bailey Hill Road, Christina 2nd, so voted.

OTHER BUSINESS

Truck Lease Paperwork

Pam reported that the truck lease paperwork would be ready for the Board's review by next Monday. The Finance Company is willing to hold a conference call with the Board to discuss any questions or concerns that they have. The Board could not commit to a time when they will be finished reading the document. They asked Pam to check on the Company's availability for a call.

Political Signs on Town Property after the Election

Political candidates are responsible to remove the signs after the election. The law prohibits posting them on public property. The moderator has the discretion to allow signs on Election Day. The Board has made the decision in the past that these signs cannot stay after the election. Marilyn Lieto stated that in other municipalities the Road Agent has the responsibility to remove the signs and the owners can retrieve them from him. Christina stated that in Bristol Code Enforcement takes care of it. Miles stated that he took down the remaining signs and placed them behind the building.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

A Road Committee meeting is scheduled for September 26 at the Town House.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Dave Leone stated that several weeks ago the Highway Department did some extensive ditch work on Bailey Hill Road and that after the first storm the road started to erode because the ditch was not taking the water. This problem has continued and the road is now washing out. He asked the Board to address this. In addition he would like to know why the culverts are not getting headwalls and stated that they are washing out as well. The Board stated that they have asked Glen about some of these headwalls. Originally he was going to do one with concrete but has changed that to stone and mortar. On a recent schedule submitted by the Road Agent he did not include a timeline for finishing the headwalls. The Board will address these concerns with him.

Mr. Leone also asked if the Town has a Conservation Commission. The Board responded that there is one on paper as far as they know. They have not heard of them holding any meetings and only know of one active member. The Board will investigate who is responsible to appoint members to the Commission.

Kyle motioned to adjourn at 8:22pm, Christina 2nd, so voted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pamela Hamel
Administrative Assistant